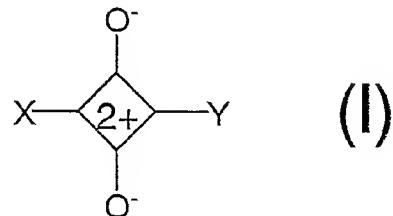
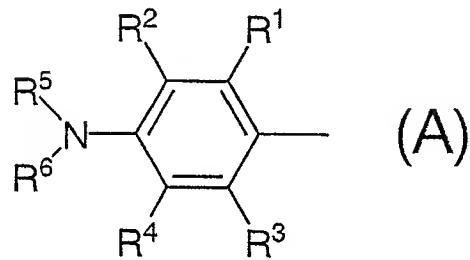


a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (I):



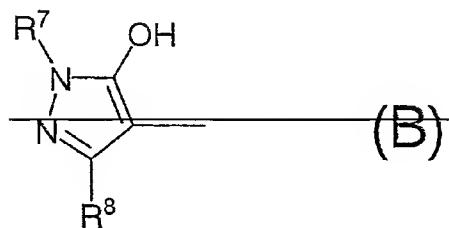
[wherein] wherein X represents a group represented by following Formula (A):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R¹ and R², or R³ and R⁴ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R⁵ and R⁶ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R⁵ and R⁶

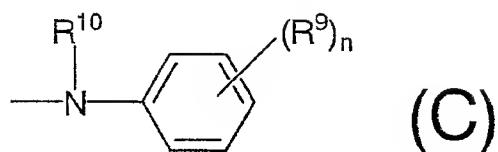
may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R^2 and R^5 , or R^4 and R^6 may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)), or and

~~X represents a group represented by following Formula (B):~~



~~(wherein R^7 and R^8 independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)); and~~

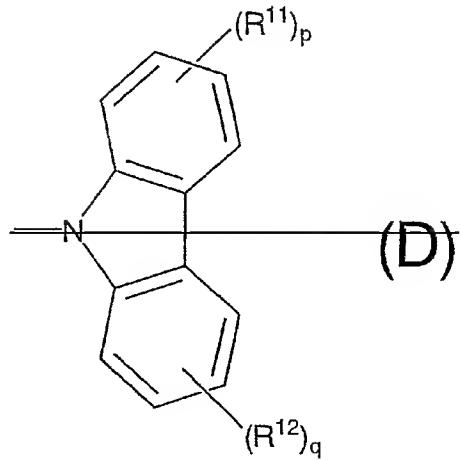
~~Y represents a group represented by following Formula (C):~~



~~(wherein R^9 represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro~~

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), - $\text{N}=\text{N}-\text{R}^{9\text{A}}$ (wherein $\text{R}^{9\text{A}}$ represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R^9 's may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R^9 's may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R^{10} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or

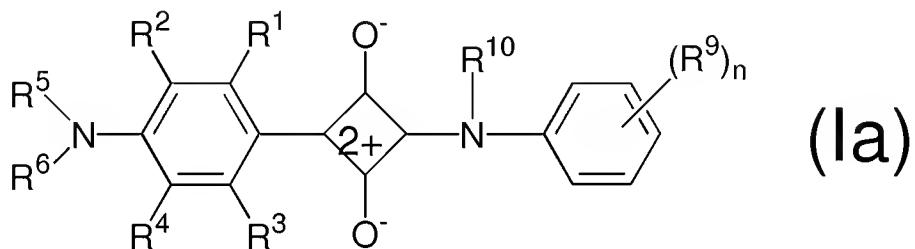
~~Y represents a group represented by following Formula (D):~~



~~(wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro~~

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and "p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R^{11} s and respective R^{12} s may be the same or different)].

2. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



(wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R^1 and R^2 , or R^3 and R^4 may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

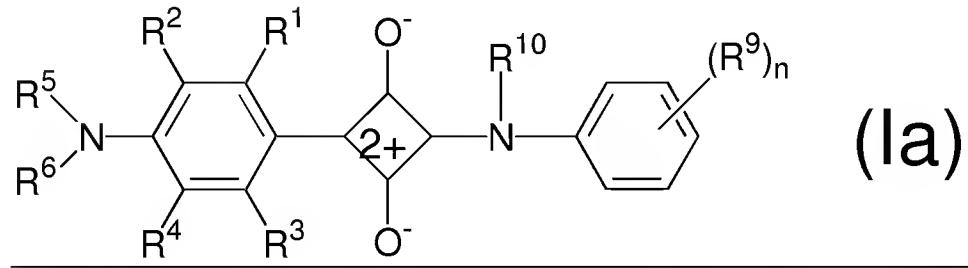
R^5 and R^6 independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having

substituent(s), wherein R⁵ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R² and R⁵, or R⁴ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R⁹ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R⁹s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R⁹s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and

R¹⁰ represents a ~~hydrogen atom~~, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) ~~substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)).~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The filter A filter~~ for electronic display devices according to claim 2, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;

R⁵ and R⁶ are independently an alkyl group;

R⁹ is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

Claims 4-11 (Cancelled).